

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard. Member Absent: Michael Ormsby.

3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of March 26th, April 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 2009 as presented.

4. Receive correspondence, if any
 - a. List of proposed purchases to be completed with 2009 BYRNE/JAG GRANT
-Town Manager reviewed the list of proposed items to be purchased with the 2009 BYRNE/JAG GRANT.
 - b. Economic Development Housing Grant
-Town Manager indicated that the Office of Economic Development notified the Town that the housing grant in the amount of \$250,000 has been approved, and the next step is to complete Phase II application.
5. Consider introducing an ordinance entitled "Chapter 2, Administration, Article 18 Identity Theft Prevention Program"

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance entitled "Chapter 2, Administration, Article 18 Identity Theft Prevention Program" and hold a public hearing at the town council regular meeting on June 11th, 2009.

6. Hear request to participate financially for the printing of "Paper Talks" Magazine

Mark Pierce from "Paper Talks" Magazine spoke on requesting funds to help defray the cost of printing this magazine to honor the Veterans in the area. Mark also indicated that former Councilor Ronald Cushing would be on the front cover of the magazine.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2009-106 awarding pavement bid for the 2009 construction season

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Dave Keene and voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-106.

Voted In Favor: Robert Carmichael, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard
Abstained: Joel Wardwell
Vote: Favorable 5 - 0

8. Consider Resolve #R-2009-107 authorizing pre-purchase of pavement budgeted for the 2009 construction season

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-107.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2009-108 awarding contract for imprinting or installing pavers for the sidewalk extension along the waterfront

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-108.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2009-109 authorizing purchase of lights for the waterfront walkway extension

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-109.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2009-110 awarding contract for a PLC system for the wastewater treatment facility

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-110.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2009-111 awarding contract for upgrading the dewatering press at the wastewater treatment facility

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-111.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2009-112 awarding bid for purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-112.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2009-113 authorizing expenditures from the High School Improvement Reserve Account for the football field improvements

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-113.

15. Consider appointment to the Planning Board

Town Manager reported that Allan Gordon has resigned from the Planning Board due to health issues, and will need to refer this to the Appointments Committee.

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to refer the opening on the Planning Board to the Appointments Committee.

16. Proceed to budget workshop regarding:

- a. Preliminary School Budget

-Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby presented a quick overview of the proposed 2009-2010 School budget based on \$14,650,000, noting last years budget was at \$16,500,00. Overall decrease in the budget at -12% or (\$1,910,358), including Adult Education. Changes include: Regular Education -28% or (\$2,178,198); Special Education 6% or \$145,270; Career & Technical Education 67% or \$50,900; Other Instruction 18% or \$66,837; Student & Staff Support 3% or \$34,439; System Administration -4% or (\$17,840); School Administration -5% or (\$33,438); Transportation & Busing 1% or \$8,797; or Facilities & Maintenance 0% or \$4,399; Debt Service -3% or (\$29,343); all other Expenditures 30% or \$17,800; Adult Education of 8% or \$20,019 and tuition is at 0.

Council members had no problem taking up two items not on the agenda before proceeding further with the budget workshop.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to take up two items not on the agenda regarding Resolve #R-2009-14 Maine Heart Safe Community and "Paper Talks" magazine ad.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-14 Maine Heart Safe Community.

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to sponsor the same Ad as last year in the "Paper Talks" magazine at the same rate.

- b. Administration
 - Administration budget reflects a 2.84% or \$10,614 overall increase, which includes 3% increase in Salaries. Also, because of Finance Director's position has no step increases, it is possible when the preliminary budget is set that this position would include a step raise, depending on the Governor's budget reduction to municipalities.
- c. Planning
 - Municipal Planning budget reflects a 2.39% or \$1,292 overall increase, which includes 2.93 or \$1,332 Salary increase; 2.86% or \$10 Postage and -4.17% or (\$50) HCPC Dues.
- d. Assessing
 - Assessing budget reflects a 2.92% or \$1,752 overall increase, which includes 3% or \$1,607 Salary increase and 8.61% or \$145 increase in Software Support.
- e. Municipal Office
 - Municipal Office budget reflects a -10.34% or (\$2,524) overall decrease, which includes 3% or \$250 Custodian's Salary increase; -50.47% or (\$2,782) Heating Fuel decrease and 1.73% or \$8 Water increase.
- f. Insurance and Benefits
 - Insurance and Benefits budget reflects a -2.53% or (\$17,789.42) overall decrease, which includes -9.54% or (\$6,852) Workers Compensation decrease; 1.13% or \$1,690 Social Security increase; -.91% or (\$208) Group Life Insurance decrease; -3.33% or \$(12,319) Health Insurance decrease; -.81% or (\$170.42) Income Protection decrease; -1.67% or (\$1,000) General Liability decrease and 15.44% or \$1,070 Public Liability increase.
- g. Public Access
 - Public Access budget reflects a 1.77% or \$70 overall increase, which includes a 3% or \$70 Salary increase.
- h. Economic Development
 - Economic Development budget reflects a 1.14% or \$733 overall increase, which includes 3% or \$1,548 Salary increase, -13.36% or (\$815) Dues & Travel decrease, 25% or \$100 Office Supplies increase and -16.67% or (\$100) decrease in Telephone Cost.
- i. Contingency
 - Contingency budget allows a total of \$4,000 in the account

17. Discussion items

Appointments Committee meeting on Monday, May 11th at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

18. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary